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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLN. NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
08/607,175	February 26, 1996	2873	Pending
08/798,934	February 11, 1997	2873	Pending
08/606,825	February 26, 1996	2873	Pending
08/828,835	March 24, 1997	2872	Pending
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08/789,801	January 28, 1997	2862	Allowed
08/917,911	August 27, 1997	2873	Pending

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(iii), no copy of any cited U.S. Application is enclosed.

REMARKS

The following documents are discussed at the following pages of the specification:

<u>Document</u>	<u>Page(s)</u>
8-292371	3
9-5650	4
6-265814	9
8-292372	10

Abstracts for Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application Nos. 8-292371, 9-5650, 6-265814, and 8-292372 were obtained from a commercial database and are enclosed herewith.

FORMAL MATTERS

No fee is believed due; however, any fee required in connection with this paper should be charged to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of

the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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